



## REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested in light of the above amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 80-84 are pending in the present application.

### Objections

It is respectfully submitted that the above amendments to the specification overcome the objections stated in the Final Rejection for the following reasons.

### Drawings

The Final Rejection objected to the drawings because they erroneously labeled a program 40 in FIG. 1A instead of 44. A proposed change to FIG. 1A is submitted herewith to replace label 40 with 44 so as to collectively label as 44 the following: programs 44A (REQUI), 44B (Inventory Sourcing), 44C (Requisition Maintenance), 44D (Order Header, and 44E (Customer Variable).

It is respectfully submitted that the proposed change to FIG. 1A overcomes the objection to the drawing stated in the Final Rejection.

### Disclosure

The Final Rejection objected to Appendices I through X because the margins thereof do not satisfy the margin requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.52(a)(1)i, ii, and v. Replacement pages for Appendices I-X are provided herewith, whereof the paper type, margins and clarity and contrast of print each satisfy the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.52(a)(1)i, ii, and v, respectively.

### Non-statutory Double Patenting Rejection of Claim 79 Over Claims 14-30 & 40-45 of U.S.

#### Patent No. 6,023,683

With regard to the subject matter of present claims 80-84, as discussed in paragraph 5.2 of

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the Final Rejection, Applicants submit that this subject matter was inadvertently omitted from the claims of U.S. Patent No. 6,023,683 during its prosecution.

Attached is a copy is attached of the U.S. PTO Notice of Recordation of Assignment Document for the instant application, Serial No. 09/532,557 and U.S. Patent No. 6,023,683 to ePlus inc. attesting to the common ownership of the instant application and the conflicting patent. Also attached is a Terminal Disclaimer disclaiming the terminal part of the statutory term of any patent granted on the instant application, which would extend beyond the expiration date of the full statutory term of prior Patent No. 6,023,683. As stated in paragraph 5.4 of the Final Rejection, a timely filed terminal disclaimer may be used to overcome an actual rejection based on a non-statutory double patenting ground provided the conflicting application and patent are shown to be commonly owned (37 C.F.R. 1.130(b)).

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the non-statutory double patenting rejection of instant claims 80-84 has been overcome and should be withdrawn.

### **Conclusion**

In light of the foregoing it is respectfully submitted that pending claims 80-84 are directed to allowable subject matter, all objections and rejections stated in the outstanding Final Rejection have been overcome, and that the present application is now in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is respectfully solicited.

If any issues remain which may best be resolved through a telephone communication, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned at the local Washington, D.C. telephone number below.

Respectfully submitted,



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Enclosures:

Notice of Recordation of Assignment  
Transmittal Fee for Terminal Disclaimer  
Terminal Disclaimer  
Letter to the Official Draftsman with amended Fig. 1A  
Replacement Pages for Appendices I to X (1-10)

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